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**Amendments To The Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 6, 12 and 17.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and deodorizing, having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising

a container permeable to water or water vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas which is a halogen gas or chlorine dioxide gas upon exposure to water or water vapor;

an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to permit placement and replacement of [[a]] the container, permeable to water or water vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas upon exposure to water or water vapor, and

a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the ambient air within the interior.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said composition comprises sodium hypochlorite and an acidic component.

4. (Currently Amended) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said composition generates gas is chlorine dioxide gas.

5. (Original) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said holder is a drawer, pivoting pocket, slot or tray.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A unit as in Claim [[1]] 21 wherein said indicator device provides said indicator signal in response to a predetermined time interval between openings of said access port.

8. (Currently Amended) A unit as in Claim [[1]] 21 wherein said indicator signal is a light or an alarm activated upon passage of said time interval.

9. (Original) The unit of Claim 1 said unit having a top and a front wherein said holder is in the

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top of front of said unit.

10. (Original) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said container holds from about 50 g to about 500 g of said composition.

11. (Original) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said composition is a solid, a liquid or a combination thereof.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The unit of Claim [[12]] 22 wherein said container is comprised of a nonwoven polyethylene or a nonwoven polytetrafluoroethylene.

14. (Currently Amended) The unit of Claim 1 wherein said container is a sachet holder.

15. (Currently Amended) A unit as in claim 1 wherein said access port is configured such that the contents within the interior of the ~~refrigeration~~ unit, other than said container, may not be accessed therethrough.

16. (Currently Amended) A unit as in claim [[1]] 14 wherein said access port and said sachet holder together form a drawer in said ~~refrigeration~~ unit.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A unit as in Claim 1 wherein said unit is a refrigeration unit.

19. (Original) The unit of Claim 18 wherein said refrigeration unit is an ice making machine, a soda machine, a refrigerator or a freezer.

20. (Original) A unit as in claim 1 wherein said unit is a locker, closet or garbage receptacle.

21. (New) A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and deodorizing, the unit having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising:

a container permeable to water or water vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas;

an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to permit placement and replacement of the container;

a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the ambient air within the interior; and

an indicator device activated upon each placement or replacement of said container.

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22. (New) A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and deodorizing, the unit having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising:

    a container comprised of a microporous nonwoven hydrophobic polymer sheet material permeable to water or water vapor, holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas;

    an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to permit placement and replacement of the container; and

    a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the ambient air within the interior.

23. (New) A unit comprising an enclosed space not easily accessible for cleaning and deodorizing, the unit having an interior and an exterior, the unit comprising:

    a drawer having a perforated bottom permeable to water or water vapor for holding a composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas;

    an access port in the unit openable from the exterior of the unit to permit placement and replacement of the container; and

    a holder for said container, accessible through the access port, which retains the container within the interior of the unit at a location exposed to the ambient air within the interior.

24. (New) The unit of claim 23, the drawer further comprising a sachet permeable to water or water vapor, the sachet holding said composition which generates an antimicrobially active gas.